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RETRACTABLE STRAW FOR DRINKING CONTAINERS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY_AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2000, in connection with the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-14, and 17-19 without prejudice.

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Please amend the following claims:

(Amended) A cap assembly, comprising: 15.

a container having an opening [scored finger portion] disposed on a top portion of said container, said opening covered by a cap [finger portion] positionable in an opened and closed position; and

an extendable straw disposed in [attached to] an inner side of said opening [finger] so that when said cap [finger portion] is in an opened position, said straw is extended